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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 183
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the University of
Tennessee Academy of Students of Pharmacy
for being selected as the Operation
Immunization National Winner.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee Academy of Students of Pharmacy is one such estimable institution; for the 2000-01 year, the students were chosen as the National Winner in Operation Immunization; and

WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 60,000 Americans die of vaccine-preventable diseases; Operation Immunization was created in 1987 by the American Pharmaceutical Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association in an attempt to prevent those unnecessary losses of life and, in four years, over 175,000 people have been immunized directly due to the program; and

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WHEREAS, This year, eighty-two AphA-ASP and forty SNPhA chapters collaborated with other health care professionals to provide immunizations and to increase the public knowledge about immunization; of those chapters, the University of Tennessee group was selected as the most effective in its efforts; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee students immunized 2,740 individuals during their award-winning campaign; if not for the year's campaign shortage, they would have provided vaccines to even more people; and

WHEREAS, One of the major programs undertaken by the University of Tennessee students was the annual Boo-Flu on October 31, 2000; they immunized all the faculty, staff, and students at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center; and

WHEREAS, In November, the pharmacy students worked with the Baptist Hope Health Center to administer immunizations at three homeless shelters in the Shelby County area; and

WHEREAS, The students developed plans for Immunization Blitz, a program designed to administer vaccinations in twenty-nine counties that were designated as under-served by the medical community; due to vaccine shortages, only two counties were able to receive the vaccinations, but 998 individuals benefited from the efforts in those two counties; and

WHEREAS, In the Memphis area, the Kroger project added to the success of Operation Immunization; the students broadened their efforts and provided asthma awareness education and glucose screenings while patients were receiving immunizations; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee's Operation Immunization campaign was a massive success; due to the student's efforts, thousands of Tennesseans were not exposed to the deleterious effects of vaccine-preventable diseases during the past winter; and

WHEREAS, The pharmacy students were led in their work by the University of Tennessee Student Immunization Committee, Chaired by Jamie Chapman and Sarah Steinhoff, and also included Stephanie Johnson and Marlin Watkins; and

WHEREAS, The members of the University of Tennessee Academy of Students of Pharmacy, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate the University of Tennessee Academy of Students of Pharmacy on earning recognition as National Winner during the 2000-01 Operation Immunization and thank them for their service to the people of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.